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**State Housing Director Announces \$148 Million
to Create Affordable Housing and Jobs**

June 30, 2004—San Diego, CA – More than \$148 million for housing development across the state were awarded today to help meet California families' urgent affordable housing needs. The funds will also boost the local economies in 32 counties by kick-starting the housing construction process.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's newly appointed Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Lucetta Dunn, announced the awards that will increase the supply of housing for California's workers and their families.

Dunn stated, "These awards include over \$105 million to build nearly 1,900 units of affordable rental housing for lower income workers, the disabled, elderly and farm workers. Another \$38.7 million will add over 3,350 beds for the homeless and those transitioning out of homelessness, over \$4 million will fund new, affordable homeownership opportunities."

"Governor Schwarzenegger has asked the State housing agencies to expedite the award of funds provided by Proposition 46, the housing bond approved by the voters in November 2002, in order to expedite the building of these much-needed homes. Since the passage of the bond, the State has awarded over \$635 million to create high-quality, and affordable rental or owner homes and shelter for more than 48,000 families. And we intend to keep up the pace."

Awards were made through the following HCD programs:

- \$93.2 million announced today is for the streamlined and successful Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) which provides funding for affordable rental housing for working families, the elderly and disabled and other special needs populations. Eligible costs include developing the housing units, and space for child care, after school care and social services facilities linked to the assisted housing unit. Applicants are local public entities, for profit and non-profit corporations, limited housing cooperatives, Indian reservations and rancherias and limited partnerships. Over 1,500 rental units will be produced.
- \$12.4 million through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program for loans and grants for construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of affordable rental units for farm workers and their families. These funds will provide over 400 housing units for farm workers and their families. Funded activities include land acquisition, site development, construction and rehabilitation. Applicants are local public entities, nonprofit corporations and limited partnerships.
- \$38.7 million is for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP-CD) funds which are available to urban and non-urban counties to create emergency shelters and transitional housing with supportive services for homeless individuals and families. Local government agencies and non-profit corporations that shelter the homeless on an emergency or transitional basis, and provide support services are eligible applicants.
- \$3.5 million through the CalHOME Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN), which makes grants to cities and counties that have reduced regulatory barriers to the construction of new, affordable ownership housing. These barriers can include such constraints as minimum lot or floor area sizes that make housing more expensive. The grants are used by cities and counties to make down payment assistance loans to low- and moderate-income first-time buyers of homes in BEGIN projects.
- \$680,000 for the CalHOME Self Help Program, that provides funding to organizations that help homeowners and their neighbors construct their own homes to bring the cost of homeownership within their reach.

San Diego

City and County of San Diego applicants received \$18.4 million in housing bond funds including \$16.4 million for affordable rental housing units through HCD's Multifamily Housing Program and \$2 million for development of homeless facilities through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Los Angeles Region

In total, the Los Angeles Region was awarded \$46.8 million in housing bond funds for housing in 21 different cities in the greater Los Angeles Region, including \$16.3 million within the City of Los Angeles. HCD's Multifamily Housing and Farm worker Programs awarded \$28.8 million for affordable rental and supportive housing units. Another \$1.8 million was awarded to create additional homeownership opportunities through the CalHome BEGIN and Self Help programs. In addition, \$16.1 million was awarded for homeless and transitional housing facilities. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

San Francisco/Bay Area

The San Francisco/Bay Area Region applicants were awarded \$52.6 million in housing bond funds for housing in 15 different communities in the region, including \$41.3 million for affordable rental and supportive housing units through HCD's Multifamily Housing and Farmworker programs and \$1.3 million for homeownership through the CalHome BEGIN and Self Help programs. In addition, \$10 million was awarded for homeless and transitional housing facilities. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Inland Empire Region

Inland Empire Region applicants were awarded \$2.7 million in housing bond funds for five emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Greater Sacramento/Stockton Area

The Greater Sacramento/Stockton Area applicants were awarded \$10.3 million in housing bond funds for housing in three different communities in the region, including \$10 million for affordable rental and supportive housing units through HCD's Multifamily Housing and Farmworker programs and \$300,000 for homeownership through the CalHome Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Central Valley

The Central Valley applicants received over \$12 million in housing bond funds for housing in six communities, including: \$9.5 million for affordable rental housing through the Multifamily Housing and Farmworker programs; \$556,000 for homeownership through the CalHome BEGIN Program and \$1.9 million for development of homeless facilities through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

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